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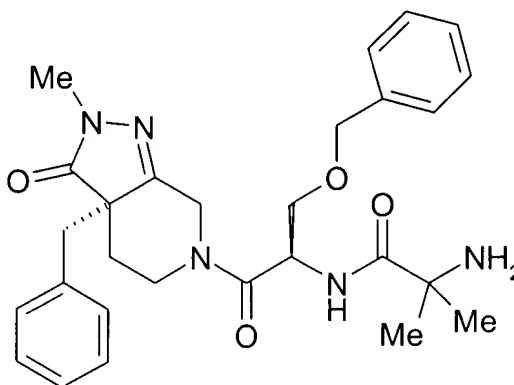
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

November 14, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

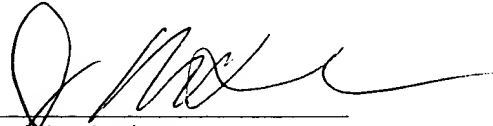
In Response to the USPTO's Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect the species of claim 20, 2-amino-N-(2-(3a-(R)-benzyl-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,3a,4,6,7-hexahydro pyrazolo-[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-1-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-2-oxo-ethyl)-isobutyramide. The structure of this compound is depicted on page 21 of the specification at line 16. This structure is reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.



As the USPTO has requested, the subgenus associated with this structure is I-A which is depicted in claim 19. This election is without traverse. If any minor amendments would place the case in condition for allowance, the undersigned invites a phone call to discuss such amendments.

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